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Phyllis Biedess, Director
Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System
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Dear Ms. Biedess:

Enclosed is an approved copy of Arizona State plan amendment (SPA) 03-003, regarding the personal needs allowance for individuals who are in the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act optional eligibility groups. This SPA restores language on this subject that had been inadvertently deleted by SPA 02-008, approved on January 22, 2003. I am approving SPA 03-003 with the requested effective date of January 1, 2003.

If you have any questions, please have your staff contact Ronald Reepen at (415) 744-3601.

Sincerely,

Linda Minamoto
Associate Regional Administrator
Division of Medicaid & Children's Health

Enclosure

cc:

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STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State: ARIZONA

VARIATIONS FROM THE BASIC PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE

Individuals who have received institutional services less than 30 days: \$1,656 (allowed by waiver)

Individuals receiving HCBS: \$1,656 (as allowed by 42 CFR 435.726 and the 1115 waiver which allows the State to provide HCBS to individuals whose income does not exceed 300% of SSL)

Individuals who have received institutional services for 30 days and are in the TWWIA Basic Coverage or Medical Improvement Group identified in Sections #24 and #25 on ATTACHMENT 2.2-A, page 23d shall have the personal needs allowance increased by 50 percent of the individual's earned income.

TN No. 03-003

Supersedes

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